2006 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS — IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

ELECTION DATES

State PrimaryAugust	8, 2006
State General Election November	7, 2006

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Registration Deadline*	Action Required
July 10, 2006	Last day to register for August primary. (MCL §168.498)
October 10, 2006	Last day to register for November general election. (MCL §168.498)

FILING DEADLINES: AUGUST 8 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 7 GENERAL ELECTION

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	Filing Deadline*	Action Required	
		Candidates	
	By 5:00 p.m., March 27	Incumbent appeals court, circuit court, district court, and probate court judges file affidavit of candidacy and affidavit of identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 30. (MCL §\$168.409b, 168.413a, 168.414, 168.433a, 168.434, 168.467c, and 168.467d)	
	By 4:00 p.m., May 2	Candidates seeking appeals court, circuit court, district court, or probate court judgeships file nominating petitions, affidavit of identity and affidavit of constitutional qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 5. (MCL §§168.409b, 168.409c, 168.413, 168.414, 168.433, 168.434, 168.467b, and 168.467d)	
	By 4:00 p.m., May 16	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file an affidavit of identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county, city or township in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 19. (MCL §\$168.624, 168.624a)	
	By 4:00 p.m., May 16	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and affidavit of identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 19.	
	By 5:00 p.m., July 5	Incumbent supreme court justices file affidavits of candidacy for the November general election. (MCL §168.392a)	

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AUGUST 8 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 7 GENERAL ELECTION (Cont.)

Filing Deadline*	Action Required
By 4:00 p.m., July 20	Candidates (Cont.) Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 24. (MCL §168.590c)
By 4:00 p.m., August 4	Write-in candidates file declaration of intent forms for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) (MCL §168.737a)
By 4:00 p.m., November 3	Write-in candidates file declaration of intent forms for the November general election. (MCL §168.737a)
	New Parties and State Ballot Proposals
By 5:00 p.m., May 31	Petitions to place a legislative initiative proposal on the November general election ballot filed with the secretary of state (254,206 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.471)
By 5:00 p.m., July 10	Petitions to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November general election ballot filed with the secretary of state (317,757 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.471)
By 4:00 p.m., July 20	New political parties file petitions to qualify for the November general election ballot (31,776 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.685)
	County and Local Proposals
By May 16	Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (MCL §168.646a)
By May 30	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (MCL §168.646a)
By August 15	Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (MCL §168.646a)
By August 29	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (MCL §168.646a)

Source: Michigan Department of State

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